

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ELSA GULINO, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE  
CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendant.

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KIMBA M. WOOD, United States District Judge:

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**ORDER**

On November 30, 2022, Special Master John S. Siffert filed his Interim Report and Recommendation recommending that the Court grant in part Plaintiffs' thirty-second and thirty-third motions for interim awards of attorneys' fees and costs (the "Report"). (ECF No. 10243.) The Report recommends an interim award of Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees and costs associated with work on this case by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP from May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, in the total amount of \$1,568,194.74.<sup>1</sup> The Report reviews the complex issues addressed by counsel during the above-mentioned time period and the reasonableness of the billing rates for various attorneys and experts. The Special Master also undertook a meticulous review of attorneys' and experts' time.

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<sup>1</sup> The Report notes that after Plaintiffs had submitted their thirty-second and thirty-third motions to the Special Master, seeking a total of \$1,569,698.91 in fees and costs, but prior to the Special Master's submission of the Report, Plaintiffs agreed not to seek reimbursement of \$1,504.17 in costs paid to one of their experts. (*See* Report at 3, 5.)

The Court notes that the parties have represented to the Special Master that they do not intend to file objections to the Report. The Report also states that Plaintiffs have not waived their claim to entitlement to the compensation they originally requested for this period.

The Court hereby adopts all of the findings and recommendations of the Report, including the hourly rates recommended by the Special Master. The Court awards Plaintiffs a total of \$1,568,194.74 in interim attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be paid no later than January 4, 2023.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
December 5, 2022

/s/ Kimba M. Wood  
KIMBA M. WOOD  
United States District Judge